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# Hospital Outpatient Applications

The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center(ASC) are payment systems for hospital outpatient and ambulatory services. Payments are prospective and are based on Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APC).




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Application Deadline 2023: 6/1/2023
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-  **ASC CPL Pre-Proposed Rule Recommendation Request**
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-  **Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP) Panel Meeting Presentation & Comment**





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Not Currently Accepting Requests

 Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP) Panel Member Nomination

Accepting Nominations Now

 Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP) Panel Meeting Presentation & Comment Letters

Request Deadline 2023: 8/11/2023

# HCPACS Level II Applications





# ASC CPL Pre-Proposed Rule Recommendation Request

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## Overview

The ASC CPL (Ambulatory Surgical Center Covered Procedures List) was authorized in accordance with section 1833(i)(1) of the Social Security Act, which requires the Secretary to specify surgical procedures which can be performed safely on an ambulatory basis in an ASC.

CMS reviews and updates the ASC CPL annually. In this pre-proposed rule recommendation process, CMS is seeking recommendations for surgical procedures to add to the ASC Covered Procedures List (CPL) in future rulemaking.

Pre-proposed rule procedure recommendations will occur through the MEARIS™ application system.

## Process

- Login or Register as a MEARIS™ user.
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- Applications are automatically saved when you click "Next". You may exit the application at any time and continue where you left off. However, once submitted, the application cannot be changed.
- Upon submission, you will receive a system confirmation that your information has been received.
- CMS may request additional information and/or documentation regarding your submission via a request for information (RFI). This request will show up as a task on your home page and you will be notified via email about the Task Due.

## Requirements

Any interested person or organization may submit an application to recommend one or more procedures for the ASC CPL by the due date noted on the MEARIS™ website.

Under current regulations, in order for a service to be added to the ASC-CPL, it must meet the regulatory criteria at 42 CFR 416.166. This includes the general standards that the surgical procedure must be separately paid under the OPPS, must not be expected to pose a significant safety risk to a Medicare beneficiary when performed in an ASC, and that standard medical practice dictates that the beneficiary would not typically be expected to require active medical monitoring and care at midnight following the procedure.





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Additionally, procedures are not placed on the CPL under current regulations if they meet any of the following general exclusions: (1) generally result in extensive blood loss; (2) require major or prolonged invasion of body cavities; (3) directly involve major blood vessels; (4) are generally emergent or life-threatening in nature; (5) commonly require systemic thrombolytic therapy; (6) are designated as requiring inpatient care; (7) can only be reported using CPT unlisted surgical procedure code; or (8) are otherwise excluded under Medicare (42 CFR § 416.166(c)).

More information about the ASC CPL can be found in the OPPS/ASC annual regulations, which are accessible at [CMS Website - ASC Payment](#)

## FAQs

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A: On the Home Page, please click on [Register](#) if you are new to the MEARIS™ system. If you already have a MEARIS™ account, click on [Login](#) on the top bar to log in and begin the application process.

Q: Am I able to upload supporting documentation?

A: Yes. As you go through the ASC CPL application, you will have the opportunity to upload supporting documentation and files.

Q: Will I be able to change the information on the ASC CPL application that I fill out?

A: Yes, changes can only be made prior to submitting an ASC CPL application. Once the application has been submitted, the applicant will not be able to make any changes.

Q: Do I need to be a registered MEARIS™ user to request and submit an ASC CPL application?

A: Yes, to be able to submit any CMS MEARIS™ Request or Application, you must be a registered Applicant or Requester.

Q: How will I see the progress of my application or request?

A: Upon logging into your MEARIS™ account you will be able to see status updates and what date the application or request was





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A: Upon logging into your MEARIS™ account you will be able to see status updates and what date the application or request was last updated as it progresses through the internal CMS review process. Status updates are provided when the application is submitted and when it is under review. HCPCS codes that are proposed by CMS are included in the calendar year proposed rule.

## Useful Links

- [ASC CPL Regulatory Criteria Requirements](#)
- [CMS Website - ASC Payment](#)

## Contact

[Send a message to the CMS point of contact for this module.](#)

### Useful Links





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I have read and accept the terms and conditions

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# User Profile

First Name

Last Name

Email

US Phone Number (optional)

Ex. 1234567890

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# Security Question

Your security question and answer will be used to help manage your account in the instance you forget your password or if your account gets locked.

Question

Answer

The answer to the security question must follow the rules below.

- *Not contain part of the question.*
- *Must be at least 4 characters.*
- *Not be the same as the username or password.*

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# Username & Password

Username

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Password

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- ✗ At least 15 characters
- ✗ A lowercase letter (a-z)
- ✗ An uppercase letter (A-Z)
- ✗ A number (1-9)
- ✗ Does not include your first name, last name or your username
- ✓ Special characters are no longer required, but are optional

Confirm Password

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Submit



## Login to MEARIS™

Username  
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Password  
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Remember me

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**Teams**  
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## Tasks Due

You have no Due tasks at this time. For Tasks with a status other than Due, refer to [List of Tasks](#).

## Recent Applications

Application Title
ASC CPL Pre-Proposed Rule Recommendation Request



# ASC CPL Pre-Proposed Rule Recommendation Request

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Application Id	Status	Saved on
2295	Expired	3/14/2023

Contact Info

Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
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Applicant

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Coding Info

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List of Codes (1)



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HCPCS or CPT code: 99278

Code descriptor for the procedure (optional): Applicant did not enter any information for the optional field

Are you proposing to add or remove a code from the ASC CPL? Add

Does the code meet all the current ASC CPL? Yes

Has this code previously been on the ASC CPL? Yes

### Attachments

Do you have any supporting documentation or information?



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Do you have any supporting documentation or information?  
No

### Updates and Revisions

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#### Useful Links

-  CMS Web Policies
-  Technical Support
-  Resources



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